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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. The references were cited in a communication dated April 11, 2003 from the PCT in a counterpart foreign application to co-pending U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/991,870. Hence, each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. Thus, no fee is required. A copy of the Partial International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The cited U.S. Patent

No. 5,546,140 was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement and thus is not included herein.

The following document is listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 and is in a language other than English:

1. DE 196 16 526 A1. The enclosed copy of the International Search Report citing this document satisfies the requirement for a concise statement of relevance of this German-language document. Moreover, an English translation of the document is submitted.

A copy of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The DE 196 16 526 A1 reference cited in the International Search Report is categorized as an "X" reference, which is defined by the PCT as "document of particular relevance . . . when the document is taken alone." Applicants respectfully submit that this reference does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Specifically, the DE 19616526 A reference is directed to relatively rough machining. The reference does not suggest or disclose a machine for shaping a blank to create a filter lens as claimed in the present application, including "a drill bit unit provided with a rotatable drill bit." Moreover the reference fails to suggest or disclose the claimed machine that provides shaping and the ability to drill holes when and if required..

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not

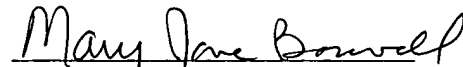
constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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